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selected angular position.--

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Amend claim 13 as follows:

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--13. (amended) An armrest for an inside wall of a motor vehicle, the armrest being of elongate shape along a main longitudinal axis, presenting a first end region along said axis, and comprising a connection member adapted to connect said first end region to the wall, wherein the connection member defines a pivoting connection about a substantially horizontal transverse axis enabling the armrest to move angularly relative to the wall, and wherein the armrest includes a locking member and a stop piece, said stop piece being adapted to be secured to the wall and said locking member being adapted to co-operate with said stop piece so as to hold the armrest in modifiable manner in a selected angular position,

wherein the stop piece and the locking member have complementary notches and teeth extending radially relative to the pivot axis, said notches and teeth presenting a plurality of relative positions and being coupled together or uncoupled by relative movement in substantially longitudinal translation.--

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Amend claim 15 as follows:

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--15. (amended) An armrest according to claim 13, wherein the locking member has a rod that is slidable relative to the armrest in a substantially longitudinal direction.--

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Amend claim 18 as follows:

12 --18. (amended) An armrest according to claim 12,  
wherein the connection member comprises a shaft adapted to be  
mounted to turn in a complementary hole of a fixing piece secured  
to the wall, and a friction<sup>36</sup> ring engaged on said shaft and  
adapted to bear against an adjacent wall of the fixing piece so  
as to exert torque that resists pivoting of the armrest relative  
to the wall.--

Amend claim 20 as follows:

--20. (amended) An armrest according to claim 12,  
wherein the armrest is secured to a handle member which presents  
a circularly arcuate rod centered on the pivot axis of the  
armrest, the rod being adapted to engage a hole formed through a  
substantially horizontal arm of a force transmission piece  
secured to the wall so as to enable the rod to slide freely  
through the hole with a small amount of radial clearance.--

Add the following new claims:

--23. (new) An armrest for a wall of a motor vehicle,  
the armrest comprising:

an elongate shelf having a longitudinal axis;

a pivot in said shelf adjacent to an end of said shelf  
and about which said shelf rotates;

a lock in said shelf spaced from said pivot and having  
plural notches, said lock being adapted to fix said shelf in

plural positions defined by said plural notches relative to a wall of a motor vehicle; and

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| a rod in said shelf that is movable generally parallel to the longitudinal axis to unfix said lock to permit rotation of said shelf about said pivot|.

--24. (new) The armrest of claim 23, wherein said lock comprises a stop piece adapted to be fixed to a wall of a motor vehicle and a complementary piece that engages said stop piece to fix said shelf in said plural positions, wherein movement of said rod separates said stop piece from said complementary piece.

--25. (new) The armrest of claim 23, wherein said plural notches extend radially relative to said pivot.--

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REMARKS

The indication that claims 13-17 and 20-21 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claim 13 has been amended into independent form by adding the subject matter of (amended) claim 12.

Claims 12-22 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, and have been amended as to form. Amended claim 12 is directed to the armrest that includes the connection member, the locking member and the stop piece. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 12, 18 and 22 were rejected as anticipated by